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Subject RE: Colorado Democratic Party - MUR 6445 - Signed Statement of Designation of Counsel

Attached, please find our response in this MUR

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From: kcollins

Sent: Thursday, January 06, 2011 9:09 AM

To: Neil P. Reiff

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## **Good Morning!**

Thank you for the update. Your request for a 15-day extension to respond to the complaint has been granted. Your response is due on January 26, 2011.

Kim Collins, Paralegal
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Revised version of Designation of Counsel

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Re: MUR 6445: Colorado Democratic Party

By this letter, the Colorado Democratic Party and Damon Berry, Treasurer (collectively "Respondents"), respond to a complaint alleging that the Respondents accepted donations from Edward Izzard, mistakenly believed to be a foreign national, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441e. The Respondents did accepted a \$2,600 contribution on October 29, 2010 from Mr. Izzard, however, as shown below, Mr. Izzard is a lawful permanent resident alien and is thus permitted to make contributions to United States candidates and committees.

Upon receipt of the complaint, and in accordance with 11 C.F.R. 103.3(b)(2), the Respondents confirmed with Mr. Izzard's attorney that he is not a foreign national and permitted to make contributions. As shown by the attached letter from Mr. Izzard's attorney, Robert Lenhard, Mr. Izzard has been a lawful permanent resident alien under the immigration and naturalization laws of the United States for all times from January 14, 2006 to the present. Therefore, since Mr. Izzard is "lawfully admitted for permanent residence," the Respondents are in full compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Commission regulations.<sup>2</sup>

We respectfully request that the Commission promptly close this matter.

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Neil Reiff

Counsel for Respondents

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The complainant has since amended the complaint upon learning of Mr. lazard's status as a lawful permanent resident.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2 U.S.C. 441e(b)(2) states that a foreign national means an individual who is not a citizen of the United States or a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) and who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence, as defined by section 1101(a)(29) of title 8.